

*People have been attracted
to Penobscot Bay for generations.
They are drawn by its beauty and
abundant natural resources.
Some come to visit; others to
stay. They are artists and accoun-
tants, doctors and deck-hands,
fishermen and farmers.*

*While Penobscot Bay has main-
tained its beauty and natural
resources over centuries of settle-
ment, it is not immune from de-
velopment and environmental
pressures. Like other ecologically
valuable regions, Penobscot Bay
needs good stewards - people
who will take good care of it and
inspire others to do the same.*



The Penobscot Bay Stewards
is a project of the
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Penobscot Bay Stewards



*... fostering ongoing
stewardship of Maine's
coastal resources*

Program Goals ...

- ❖ To provide area residents with information concerning the cultural and natural resources of Penobscot Bay.
- ❖ To provide participants the opportunity to access information that will facilitate individual actions to protect and conserve their coastal environment.
- ❖ To give residents a voice in the decision making that shapes the future of their coastal communities.
- ❖ To create a network of educated and committed volunteers working together to conserve and protect the natural and cultural resources of Penobscot Bay.



Key Topics ...

The Penobscot Bay Stewards course covers many different topics focusing on the cultural and natural history of the region. Some topics include:

- island ecology
- geological history
- maritime history
- watersheds
- water quality monitoring
- marine mammals
- bird conservation
- salmon restoration
- rocky intertidal ecosystems
- sustainable fisheries management
- history of aquaculture
- estuaries
- panel discussion addressing economics, development and tourism
- vernal pools
- marine debris
- stewardship
- interpretive skills
- lobsters and ground fish

Apply...

Education ...

The Penobscot Bay Stewards program begins with a 64 hour course which meets twice a week for four weeks. Each day covers topics of natural or cultural interest presented by leading authorities from within Maine communities. Presentations vary from classroom discussions to field tours and projects.

..and Stewardship

Upon conclusion of the course, participants commit 30 hours of volunteer service to the protection of Penobscot Bay's natural and cultural resources. Past Stewards have helped create organizations such as the Ducktrap Coalition and Friends of Craig Brook Fish Hatchery to promote healthy salmon habitat. Others have helped renovate and preserve Fort Knox. Stewards can and do develop their own service projects or volunteer with existing programs.

FMI or to request an application (can also be downloaded at web site):
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